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For : EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEAR
LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN,
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED
BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 8, 2010, Applicants hereby request that the examination of the present application be continued and the instant Amendment be entered and considered. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination, together with a payment of the requisite fee. However, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee which is necessary to preserve the pendency of the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.